

***The City of Savannah congratulates Goodwill Industries for its outstanding recycling efforts to preserve our environment and conserve our natural resources.***

## **Goodwill's Computer Store Recycles PCs . . . Revitalizes Dreams**

*The power of work, it's about having a chance. It's about having a job. It's about self respect, independence, and opportunity . . . It's what Goodwill is all about.*

From computers to clothes to cars, Goodwill makes the most of your donation. After all, at Goodwill it is our mission to assist people with disabilities and other barriers to employment to live independently and become employed. In short, your donations fund job training. When you make a donation to Goodwill, you're helping to make dreams come true for people with disabilities right here in your community.

When you give to Goodwill you're giving to a charity that understands the value of our precious resources. We appreciate the relationships we've built in the coastal community with local agencies and organizations such as the City of Savannah Sanitation Bureau, the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, Keep Savannah Beautiful, and all of the Keep America Beautiful affiliates throughout the 33 counties we serve. Those relationships have helped to make Goodwill Industries one of Georgia's largest recycling entities.

### **Computers are 100% Recyclable**

The Goodwill Computer Store at Sallie Mood Drive in Savannah knows all about recycling. Besides clothing, household goods, appliances, and books are shelves crowded with computers, software, and peripherals that are every-day reborn in the hands of savvy shoppers, lessening the burden on landfills and preserving our natural resources. Computers and related technological equipment donated to Goodwill are 100% recyclable. Desktops, laptops, monitors, mice, and keyboards are refurbished and sold in our stores, and the proceeds help to fund our career training services for people with disabilities.

### **Protecting your ID Thru DBAN**

Because protecting your identity is as important as protecting the environment, every computer donated to Goodwill undergoes a stringent cleaning process. Hard-drives (the portion of your computer that holds your programs and information) are immediately removed and placed in a locked container. They are then "wiped" of all personal information using a Department of Defense approved program called "DBAN".

Only after this process is performed are these hard drives re-used or recycled. This ensures that all personal information is destroyed before anyone else opens a donated computer.

The Goodwill Computer Store receives computer donations from all over coastal Georgia for cleaning and refurbishing. Wiped and refurbished computers are then sold along with related components and equipment at competitive prices. Goodwill sales representatives say the idea is to make technology simple and affordable for people in our community with limited incomes. Those who are eager to keep in step with the current job market or technological environment should find Goodwill's recycled computers an affordable option. Shoppers can buy with confidence because our technicians stand by their work, and donors can rest assured their personal information will be protected.

The Goodwill Computer Store, just one more way Goodwill is turning disabilities into work-able solutions.